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## ~ Let it Grow! ~

Christmas is coming up fast! With only five days left until that magical day of the year is upon us, it would be wise to snatch up those last few gifts you may have forgotten before it's too late! It is important, however, to remember that Christmas isn't about just gifts, but about spending time in the company of family and friends. The best gift you can give is the gift of love!

In this issue of *The Unless Press*, we have some last tidbits of news to give before we take a break for the holidays. We cover an upcoming meet up, a new blog, interviews, and more!! •

## Cozy Lodgings

Every Christmas at Universal Studios in Florida, Seuss Landing gets a lovely winter coat, and that includes the lerkim!

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## ~ Upcoming Events/Save the Date! ~

### Secret Santa:
**12/23 - 12/31/12**

Those participating have until the last week of December to submit gifts!

### Tree Lighting:
**12/15/12**

Greenville citizens: Join us in our annual tree lighting ceremony at 7PM!

### Christmas Day:
**12/25/12**

The last Tuesday of the month is a time for celebration! Merry Christmas!!

# Deck the Halls!

**From a new blog… to an update on the AU… to an upcoming meet up, we have all of the latest news to give!**

## Once-ling Meet Up

Are you a Once-ler fan who just so happens to live in New York? You may want to take note of an upcoming gathering. Member **mochi--san** will be doing a casual cosplay and may set up a group meeting in the process! For more information, please see this post:

http://mochi--san.tumblr.com/post/37836512160/are-any-ny-once-ling-once-lut-will-attend-to-tora-con

## Tag-along

Have a plush Lorax toy? Why not take him to work? Take part in "Take Your Lorax to Work Day" along with **Kindarbonkyrindarbonky** and **seuss-is-everything**!

## Gifs Galore

Have you always wanted a resource of gifs from *The Lorax* film, T.V. special, and shorts? Now there is one! Check out one of the latest Once-ler/Lorax blogs, which hosts a collection of film and fandom gifs that may pique your interest. It's updated often, and you can even send in your own gifs! Go take a look at it here:

http://theloraxgifs.tumblr.com/

## One for the Team

When in the midst of a zombie apocalypse, one often has to make sacrifices. Ted Wiggins did just that when he agreed to give blood to be tested. The little champ was, most understandably, rather nervous, but he bit the bullet and got through it. Swag and Rocky, meanwhile, had a fun-filled "raid road trip" all to themselves, but with Swag having not told Entre personally what he was up to, Entre seems to be teetering once again on the line of apprehension.

# ~ Fan Interviews ~

Our community is made up of hundreds of loyal and devoted fans, all of whom were drawn together with a love for the characters in *The Lorax*. Today, we join up with four of those special people to see how they view the film and the fandom.

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**~ Questions ~**

**1.** What first reeled you into the fandom?

**2.** If you could hang out with any of the ask blogs for a day, whom would you choose?

**3.** Did you see *The Lorax* in the theater? If so, how was your experience? Did you like the film right away, or did it take you time to warm up to it?

**4.** If a sequel to the film was made, what would you like it to be about?

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## Answers - Fruitsparkle

**1.** I would have to say, just the film in general. I always thought the film was interesting and since I never read the book, I was curious to see what it was about, although I knew there was a book but, like I said, I never read it.

**2.** Oh my, there are many but it's a tie between Rockstar and Wolf-ler. Rockstar because he can teach me guitar and I love his humor and how much he cares for others, even if he hangs around guys who carry knives and cause havoc. Also Wolf-ler because I just pity the man far too much, but it's hard to try not to. He's been through much and needs a friend, support and a big hug, even if he doesn't like it.

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# Did You Guess That Scene?

Hello, fellow Once-ler/Lorax fans! In the last issue of the "Press", we posted up a blurry picture and invited you to guess what screen-shot from the film that it was from. To the left is the answer! Did you guess right?

Tune in to the next issue of *The Unless Press* for another "Guess that Scene" game!

# ~ Fan Interviews (con.) ~

**3.** Yes I did, but only once because by the time it came out to UK theatres, a good HD copy was out on the internet that I downloaded it from there. Plus none of my family and friends would go with me.

**4.** Hmm. Good question. I honestly have to say that I'd like to see Once-ler become a forest guardian with the Lorax. To me it would be interesting to see that he would become a guardian with his best friend.

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## Answers - TheUnfler (Unfy)

**1.** Back in March of 2012, I had made a post on my blog commenting on how I thought the Once-ler was extremely good looking when he was younger. From there, I had gotten a bunch of notes saying that I should join the fandom, and I guess the rest is history.

**2.** This is a really hard question to answer, because I love all of the ask blogs here in this fandom. All of them are really creative, and I'm not just talking about the big name ask blogs either. There are smaller ask blogs that aren't as well known that I would probably choose as well. I guess if I had to choose from one of the bigger name ask blogs only, I would choose Swag. I've talked to him more out of all of the other well known ask blogs, and he holds a special place in

my heart. If we're talking all of the ask blogs in general, obviously I would choose my ask blog boyfriend, ask-awkward-once-ler. I would also choose silly-straw-once-ler and ask-the-1ce-ler (who isn't really a Once-ler anymore). I talk to those three the most.

**3.** I saw *The Lorax* the day it came out in theaters with both of my parents. Even before I saw the movie, I had high hopes for it, because I know when I saw *Despicable Me* back in 2010, I fell in love with it instantly, so I knew *The Lorax* was going to be a really great film. I'm glad I was right, because the animation was amazing and it had a great cast of characters (not just the Once-ler). And the fan base is...

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... pretty spectacular as well. :)

**4.** I would love if they focused more on the Once-ler's life. He was an extremely interesting character, and I think they could do more with him if they made a sequel to the movie.

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## Answers - Aud-ler

**1.** Well to be honest my friends and I used to go to the movies a lot, and when we were seeing one movie a preview for it came on and we all thought it looked pretty interesting. Then, long story short, all of them had other plans so I went and saw it by myself and from that point on I was kind of hovering along the sidelines of the fandom. Aha.

**2.** Um..... probably Thneed-night. Oh my gosh, I love Thneed-night or any of the Thneedville High AU versions.

**3.** Saw it in theaters and it was love at first sight.

**4.** I would've liked it if they had expanded on the Once-ler's character a bit. Like... now that the truffula trees are growing again, Ted can visit him more and maybe he could tell him more about his past and whatnot.

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## Answers - All-american-oncest

**1.** Honestly, the first thing I ever saw of the fandom was someone I followed reblogging things from Swag. I didn't really get what was going on at the time, but they were really funny, and so I went to Swag's blog and started backreading. Needless to say, after two or so pages I clicked the follow button. Swag was pretty much my doorway to the fandom itself and what inspired me to really want to see the movie.

**2.** While Swag is my obvious choice, there are so many others I'd love to hang out with too! Bedtime, Bitter, 72, Ted.... I'd just love to hang out with all of them.

**3.** Ahaha. I only saw it in theatres 10 times! My very first time was the day after my birthday back at the end of March, and at first, it was sort of hard, because the Once-ler's family backstory touched on a lot of tender subjects with me. I wasn't sure how comfortable I was with it, despite how much I liked the film itself. But I decided to go see it a second and third time with friends, and the story, the Once-ler, and the songs themselves became the main focal point for me, so I was able to enjoy it a lot more.

**4.** I would DEFINITELY love to see more of the Once-ler's transition from good to bad; that time gap between the beginning of *How Bad Can I Be* and the fall of the last tree. Also, a childhood focal point wouldn't be such a bad thing at all. I just would love to see more Once-ler. •

# Let your voice be heard!

**What is your opinion of *The Unless Press*? Do you have a favorite article? A least favorite article? What, do you believe, could be done to improve this paper and make it more interesting? Is there something in particular you'd like to see? What do you like or dislike about the newsletter? We'd love to hear your thoughts! Send in any comments and/or questions to *The Unless Press*. Your entry may be featured!**

## Merry Christmas!